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1. Between 18 and 24 November 1953, the barracks installation in Loebstedt, near Jena, was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,500 troops, 75 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, including 25 percent with tank insignia, 20 percent with motor transport insignia and 10 percent with artillery insignia; and the others, black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 19 November, about 250 troops had fallen in for a roll call in the barracks yard, about 60 troops engaged in firing with machine guns, 60 troops attended vehicles in the garages and 50 troops were drilling in the barracks yard. On 21 November, about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. Four T-3 tanks were seen in front of the repair shop.

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2. Between 10 and 18 November, the barracks installation in Zwaetzen was occupied as previously. Training and maintenance work on AA guns, tanks and SP guns was observed in the barracks yard.

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3. Between 10 and 18 November, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied as previously. SU-100 guns, T-34/85 tanks and heavy AA guns were repeatedly taken in the barracks yard.

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A number of apartment houses on Naumburger Strasse had to be vacated. 500 Russian families were expected to arrive in Jena.

4. On 11 November, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Three T-34/85 tanks and 1 gun left the installation toward Jaegerberg.

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